



**University of Colorado Medical Alumni Association**  
***Meeting of Board of Directors***  
***January 6, 2003***

**Present:** M. Ali Ahmadi, M. Anderson, D. Bessesen, A. Best, J.J. Cohen, D. Dart, R. Downey, E. Glasser, P. Gnadinger, M. Goodwin, D. Gordon (via phone), C. Hogan, D. Hutchison (via phone), S. Iyengar, R. Krugman, G. Merenstein, C.E. Mossberg, C. Petersen (via phone), M. Virant, R. Zucherman (via phone)

**Staff:** W. Reoch, M. Van Otterloo

**Absent:** S. Gottesfeld, P. Halandras, G. Hickman, R. Rymer, B. Sanders, G. Soriya, P. Stepp, A. Stowers, R. Taylor, J. Zimbelman

**Call to Order**

Dr. Mossberg called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Introductions were made around the table and by telephone.

**Award to outgoing board members**

Dr. Mossberg, on behalf of the Alumni Association, recognized the service of outgoing board members, in particular former board president Ed Glasser, who was present at the meeting to accept an award for his service to the Association. Dr. Glasser expressed his appreciation, noted his time on the board was enjoyable and that he looks forward to working on committees and assisting the School and the Alumni Association in his capacity as a new member of the CU Foundation Board.

**Introduction of new board members**

Drs. Mossberg and Hutchison welcomed new board members attending the meeting either by telephone hook up or in person.

**Approval of minutes**

Motion by D. Bessesen for approval of minutes from 7/8/02 and 10/14/02. Second by M. Goodwin.

**President's Report**

**Dean's Report**

Dean Krugman provided copies of his annual State of the School address. Copies will be mailed to board members not present but participating by telephone. Dean Krugman is again impressed with the quality of the incoming class. He also noted that a 1928 graduate, Noah Smernoff, recently communicated his plans to participate in this year's graduation exercise. Over the last 2-3 months, the School has received some measure of press about the Schrier decision, most recently Dr. Schrier asked the court to block the search for a new chair of the department and the court refused his request.

The School is beginning to work on revising the curriculum. Current curriculum is a course based. Other options for curriculum are organization or system based and problem based. The oversight committee, faculty and staff, students and chairs of departments will all participate in process.

Fitzsimons update: UPI breaks ground on their building tomorrow. Research Complex I construction is on track and set to open in 2004. The University has asked the legislature to issue a Certificate of Permit for the infrastructure.

Returning the curriculum topic, Dr. Petersen asked Dean Krugman if a population based approach or computer science classes would be included in the new curriculum. Dean Krugman replied that these questions are departmental orphans. The School planned to address framework, structure and philosophy first, content would come later. Dean Merenstein noted that the curriculum review would be a year to year and a half project – again looking at structure first, then working on this content.

Dr. Gordon suggested the Alumni Association find a means to facilitate alumni mentoring or utilize alumni-based resources in service to the school and specifically, the students. A discussion of the HOST/Mentor program occurred.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Finance Committee

Dr. Mossberg reported on finances. The board approved the finance summary as submitted.

#### Class Reps/Reunion Committee

No report.

#### Awards Committee

No report.

#### Mentoring Committee

Dr. Stepp was not able to attend the meeting. In her absence, Wende Reoch from the Alumni Office reported on the progress of the HOST/Mentor project and Joe Huggins, the web consultant for the HOST/Mentor project was present to provide a demonstration of the web site. It was stressed that the project is a work in progress and participation by alumni and board members is critical to its success.

#### Student Activities Committee

No report.

### **Student Representative Reports**

MSIV students are completing residency interviews – will hear in late January (early match) or March (late match). MSIII are in clinical rotations and enjoying the stories from rural clerkships. MSII are looking forward to clinical once they clear the hurdle of boards. The first year students reported that everyone survived anatomy. The class is grateful to the alumni association for the stethoscopes and promise to learn how to use them.

### **Alumni Office Report**

Reunion planning is on track. Stock Show participation is at an all time high level. We expect over 170 Health Sciences Center alumni to attend. Date is January 24. Legislative Day is now

February 11<sup>th</sup>, not the 13<sup>th</sup>. The President's Office changed the date to accommodate a conflict in many legislators' schedules. Alumni Director search update: the position has been advertised in national and local venues including AAMC and CASE. Phone interviews with four candidates are scheduled this month and the alumni association will participate once a candidate is invited for an on site interview.

**New Business**

Regarding the curriculum revision, Dr. Bessesen asked if the Association board could facilitate forwarding comments or input from the alumni to the school. At the April meeting an update on the revision will be provided and we can discuss ways to involve the alumni in the project.

Dr. Hutchison proposed we discuss adding a Scholarship Committee at the next meeting. Recent gifts, specifically the Class of 1952 Endowment, require the Association set up a committee to work with the school to award scholarships.

**Unfinished Business** (None)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wende Reoch  
Secretary pro tem